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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-11 have been subjected to the following Restriction Requirement:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to an assay for detecting a single nucleotide polymorphism; and

Group II, claims 8-11, drawn to kits for detecting a single nucleotide polymorphism.

The Examiner suggests that the inventions listed in Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature.

Applicants respectfully traverse this Restriction Requirement.

It is respectfully pointed out that all claims were searched during the PCT phase of the instant application by the same Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner's suggestion that Groups I and II should be restricted based upon lack of unity contradicts the search already conducted in the PCT phase. Further, since a search of all claims has already been conducted, inclusion of both groups in the instant application places no additional burden on the Examiner. See MPEP 803.

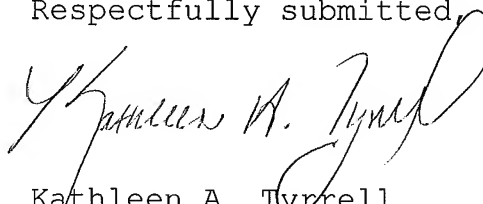
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Thus, reconsideration of this Restriction Requirement and prosecution of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In an earnest effort to be completely responsive to this Office Communication, however, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7, with traverse.

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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